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Surrender fake coins, avoid arrest, say cops

By Alcuin Papa



SURRENDER FAKE COINS and avoid arrest, the Philippine National Police yesterday advised people holding counterfeit P5 and P10 coins.

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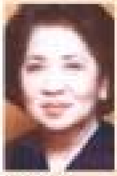
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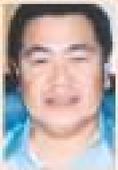
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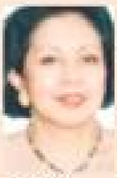
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SC: Cha-cha bid a fraud

By 8-7 vote, court kills people's initiative

By Armand N. Nocum and TJ Burgonio

SAYING IT WOULD NOT ALlow itself to be a party to the "grand deception" of the Filipino people, the Supreme Court yesterday voted 8-7 to dismiss the petition for a people's initiative to amend the Constitution preparatory to a shift to the unicameral-parliamentary system.

The high court said in a strongly worded decision that it would not allow the 1987 Constitution to be "set adrift ... in uncharted waters, to be tossed and turned by every dominant political group of the day"—an apparent rebuff of the vigorous campaign of President Macapagal-Arroyo and Speaker Jose de Venecia for Charter change.

The court said that no amount of signatures can change the Constitution contrary to specified modes, warning that "the alternative is an extra-constitutional change, which means subverting the people's sovereign will and discarding the Constitution."

The decision also said, "An initiative

SUPREME COURT/A6



ON WINGS OF A NEW LIFE: Betchel Banal, a Filipino working student, gives birth to a healthy boy on Wednesday aboard a KLM flight over Europe on her way home from Amsterdam. She was assisted by fellow passenger Anthony Roland Golez (at left).

Filipino baby delivered via first class

A FILIPINO BABY COULDN'T WAIT TO be delivered yesterday, even if his mother was still on board a KLM plane over Europe.

Betchel Banal, a 22-year-old Filipino working student on the way home from Amsterdam, delivered the baby boy, premature but healthy, on board Flight No. KL 0803.

The plane had to land in Kazakhstan on the way to Manila when the mother broke her water bag and began experiencing labor pains. Responding doctors had no time to bring Banal to hospital.

They could only watch as Filipino doctor Anthony Roland Golez, a passenger on the same flight, and flight attendant AC Van Waar assisted Banal's otherwise normal delivery in the plane's first-class cabin.

Golez, deputy administrator of the Office for Civil Defense, was with the party of Presidential Adviser Rafael

FILIPINO BABY/A6

Carpio's opening paragraph says it all

By Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.

(First of two parts)

ANALYSIS

THE OPENING PARAGRAPH OF THE opinion of Justice Antonio Carpio, who penned the Supreme Court's main opinion, says it all:

"The Lambino group miserably failed to comply with the basic requirements of the Constitution for conducting a people's initiative. Thus, there is even no need to revisit Santiago, as the present petition warrants dismissal based alone on the Lambino group's glaring failure to comply with the basic requirements of the Constitution. For following the court's ruling in Santiago, no grave abuse of discretion is attributable to the Commission on Elections."

[Raul Lambino's group, Sigaw ng Bayan, had petitioned the Supreme Court to nullify a decision of the Commission on Elections junking its bid to amend the Charter through a people's initiative. The Santiago decision refers to the court's ruling on March 19, 1997 that Republic Act No. 6735, the law regulating the people's right of initiative, was "inadequate to cover the system of initiative on amendments to the Constitution and to have failed to provide sufficient standard for subordinate legislation." Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago was the main petitioner.]

CARPIO'S/A13

DENR opposed waste dumping in trade deal but gave in to DTI

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE LETTERS SAID IT ALL: Protesting environment officials caved in to trade negotiators who were then hammering out an "all-or-nothing" deal.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources tried but failed to stop the government from including toxic and hazardous wastes from the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement, yielding to pressure.

Then Environment Secretary Michael T. Defensor wrote the Department of Trade and Industry, stressing the DENR's opposition not only to the proposed zero tariff on hazardous wastes under the JPEPA but even the initial negotiations on waste trade.

DENR/A13

Senate indignant, CBCP sad over 'toxic' accord

ARCHBISHOP ANGEL LAGdameo, president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, yesterday said he was saddened by the agreement that environmentalists fear would turn the Philippines into Japan's dump for toxic wastes.

Indignation was also voiced in the Senate and calls were made for an investigation of the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA). Under the Constitution, the Senate ratifies treaties entered into by the government.

Sen. Pia Cayetano has long urged Malacañang to transmit the agreement to the Senate for the chamber's scrutiny. "I can't see any reason why the government should continue keeping the public in the dark on our commitments

SENATE/A13

GUIMARAS OIL SPILL

There's hope in PBSP's livelihood rehab plan

Semirara folk start rebuilding lives

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

SEMIRARA ISLAND, ANTIQUE—Two months after a massive oil spill polluted this island, residents have begun slowly rebuilding their lives, away from media glare now focused on Guimaras that is reeling from the nation's worst environmental disaster.

Fishermen and shell gatherers say their catch has slowly increased although it is still less than before the oil spill.

"It's a bit better," says fisherman Rodel Escanilla, 40, a fisherman from Barangay Semirara, of his catch in recent months. He now gets at least five kilos of fish per day.

SEMIRARA FOLK/A4



GRIM SCENE on Semirara Island, Antique: 10 months ago foreshadows the Guimaras experience.

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

(Last of a series)

THERE IS HOPE.

This is the battle cry of the Philippine Business for Social Progress, the country's leading corporate-led nongovernment organization, as it takes on the challenging role of crafting and implementing a long-term livelihood rehabilitation program for the fisherfolk and other residents affected by the oil spill in Guimaras.

Covered by PBSP's three- to five-year Guimaras Area Resource Management (ARM) Program are the estimated 4,819 households, primarily from the municipalities of Nueva Valencia and Sibunag, whose income from fishing, seaweed farming and aquaculture was slashed by the oil spill.

PBSP estimated that it would take as much as P90.96 million to bankroll all the livelihood projects outlined in its area resource management program, of which P72.64 million would be shouldered by the private sector led by PBSP.

This would go to the purchase of seedlings, seaweed materials, fish stocks and training.

A total of P18.18 million will

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AFP tightens guard on coup suspects

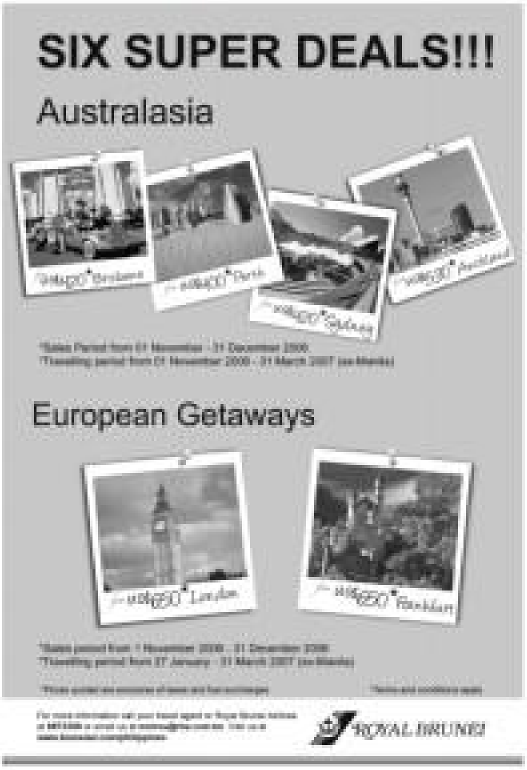


By Dona Pazzibugan

THE MILITARY HAS TIGHTENED security around six Marine colonels suspected of leading a coup plot last February to a more secure location amid talk of an escape plot.



US keenly watching nursing leak



Supreme Court of the Philippines
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20 Filipinos saved as ship runs aground

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AGRI TURNOVER

2 Philcomsat execs face graft raps

GMA goes after 'ghosts' in gov't

DTI bans surcharges on credit card sales

GMA acts to curb credit card fraud

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Joker on 4 women justices: What guts, what balls!

End of the odyssey

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7 dissenting justices vote to remand petition to Comelec

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To defend and protect

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Brave front

Fatal omission

Plan B

Even docs, nurses are ignorant about AIDS–Unicef

By Christian V. Esguerra

Early sex

DPWH wants to regulate billboard ads

By Leila B. Salaverria

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Deployment of Pinoys to Kazakhstan suspended





Lauded by solons, DSWD gets intact budget

By [illegible]

LEGISLATORS FROM BOTH THE [illegible] and majority blocs of the House of Representatives commended the Department of Social Welfare and Development for its consistently good performance when they recently approved the DSWD's 2007 budget of [illegible] billion.

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SMOKEY MOUNTAIN REVISITED: From the Coastal Road, motorists can't miss the garbage piling up at Barangay ... in Las Piñas City near the Wawa River.

Basel Convention

Wastes allowed entry

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Japanese trash

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'Like a game of poker'

Across the NATION

Bomb found at parking lot of Iloilo City mall



Bulacan, Pampanga are priority areas in counterinsurgency drive

CAMP OLIVAS, PAMPANGA—TOP MILITARY and police officials in Central Luzon on Tuesday finalized the joint counterinsurgency campaign in the region, setting the neighboring provinces of Bulacan and Pampanga as priority areas.

Indians told to sue BI agents for kidnapping



FERNANDEZ

"... Indian businessman Sanjiv Kumar said immigration agents Simeon Eleria and Armando Talatala...arrested him on Oct. 16 ..."

Firm hauls out 45 trucks of its toxic waste

ROUNDUP

6.2 quake rocks S. Mindanao

1 dead in smashup

Employee nabbed for drugs

Flash floods displace 9,000 families

Oil pilferage gang members held

INQUIRER Southern Luzon

All is fare in air travel war in Bicol

By [illegible]
Legazpi City

BRIAN BARRANDA, A BICOLANO executive now based in Manila, used to lament: "I can't help comparing that air fare to Cebu, where I am often sent on business trips, costs much less than a plane trip home to Legazpi."

The distance [illegible]: Legazpi, the regional center of Bicol, is only 334 kilometers south of Manila, while Cebu City is 587 km.

In 2005, when Philippine Airlines was the lone airline plying the 55-minute flight to Manila, a plane fare cost more than P5,000 one way.

Weeks and even months before holidays and family visits, most of the tickets were sold.

With no more plane seats available, Barranda would either travel from Manila by bus or car for 10-12 hours along the so-called "Snake Road" that's nice on the view, but short on comfort.

The familiar lament is no longer heard now.

The ongoing fare promos are offering one-way plane tickets for as cheap as P1,200 all in. The sooner one buys a ticket, the cheaper it is.

And seldom does it happen now that when one needs to leave for Manila as soon as possible, flights would be fully booked. No fuss or hassle, for one can easily get a seat on the same day on any of the three airlines—Cebu Pacific, Air Philippines and PAL.

And for those who have the luxury of choice to travel either by land or air, the opportunity for schedule flexibility in travel hours is a boon in this part of Luzon.

PAL's daily early morning flights to and from Legazpi and Manila are now balanced by the availability of afternoon flights of newcomer Cebu Pacific, which entered the field in August.

For Rosemarie [illegible], president of the Albay Chamber of Commerce and Industry and who manages the operations of her businesses in Legazpi and in Manila, the convenience of being able to travel within the same day does a lot for productivity.

Recently, when the [illegible] summoned her for a business story, she was in Manila in the morning. Before 2 p.m., she was back in Legazpi via Cebu Pacific—and was entertaining visitors three hours later.

Air traffic up

In March, Air Philippines, which serviced the Legazpi-Manila, Legazpi-Cebu routes in previous years when it was still owned by the Gatchalian family, made a comeback.

"We received requests from the local government to add more flights in addition to the once-a-day flight service of PAL," relates [illegible], Air Philippines manager in Legazpi.

On Oct. 16, the [illegible]-owned airline adjusted its thrice-a-week mid-afternoon flights by flying daily on a midday schedule (plane leaves 10 a.m. Manila, reaching Legazpi 55 minutes later; plane leaves Legazpi at 11:35 a.m.).

Air Philippines works in complementary way with the flag carrier. Each can take bookings for one another—making the 60 seats of Air Philippines a virtual add-on to those of PAL.

A total of more than 400 plane seats one-way are now available daily.

The entry of Cebu Pacific's Air Bus 319 added 150 seats to the two Boeing 737-300 planes of PAL and Air Philippines, which carry a combined passenger capacity of 280.

Just six months after Air Philippines' comeback and two months after Cebu Pacific's entry, total air passenger traffic—which measures total departures and arrivals of passengers—rose by 28 percent to 81,547 in January to August, from just 63,718 for the same period in 2005, according to statistics from the Air Transportation Office.

Air cargo movement has also gone up by 38 percent for the first eight months, compared to the same period in 2005.

By end-August this year, the Legazpi airport saw the movement (incoming and outgoing) of 420,272 kilograms of cargo so far—just short by more than 100,000 kg of the total air cargo movement for 2005 when PAL was the lone airline.

Air Philippines already cornered 37.6 percent of the total cargo as of August, or more than 180,000 kg.

There seems to be something in the fare war of sorts going on. Virtually all three airlines are now offering the same pricing structure, starting at P1,400-P1,500 more or less (with a ceiling of P5,000 plus for those who reserve late).

PAL, whose passenger load is down [illegible] percent from a previous 90 percent when it was the lone airline, has caught on the game.

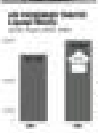
"We guarantee the lowest fares (for as low as P1,532) on a five-day advance booking," says [illegible], PAL branch manager.

Cebu Pacific, which caused a big ripple among travelers here when it announced "P99++" [illegible] in August, plans to [illegible] of its low fare airline.

Its [illegible] fare options, which starts at P1,057, all in, aims to cater to all economic classes. "We would like to serve Bicolanos from all walks of life, if possible," says Cebu Pacific Legazpi station officer Albert [illegible].

With regard to the fare promos of the three airlines indefinitely on, [illegible] says, "we are testing the purchasing power of the customers."





AIR TRAFFIC from Legazpi to Manila has increased since three airlines scheduled flights to the city.

SPORTS

Giants outlast Pals in 3 OT

Young stars deliver goods

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Struggling Kings battle Tigers today

A plus METRO

Metro taxi operators drop P15 fare hike bid, cite stable prices of oil

But rollback in taxi fees ruled out, says transport group exec



ALL SET

A man spruces up one of several tombs at South Cemetery in Makati City, just a few days before All Saints' Day when Filipinos all over the country are expected to visit their departed loved ones in cemeteries.

MMDA to field aides for cemetery watch; village patrol intensified



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Ex-cops hunted for Russian journalist's slay

MOSCOW—INVESTIGATORS PROBING THE murder of Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya suspect the involvement of former police officers who served in Chechnya, the Kommersant newspaper said on Wednesday.

Investigators from the interior ministry and prosecutor's office left Moscow "almost en masse" last week for the west Siberian town of Nizhnevartovsk with the aim of questioning former police officers who had served in Chechnya, the paper said.

They suspect that the officers may have taken revenge on the hard-hitting journalist from the Novaya Gazeta newspaper after she named them as being involved in [illegible] killing of a civilian in Chechnya, Kommersant said.

"It appears a dominant explanation has appeared. Investigators think that former officers from the Nizhnevartovsk police were involved," the paper said.

The execution-style killing of the investigative journalist on Oct. 7 was condemned by human rights groups and Western governments and was seen as a symbol of the problems faced by independent journalists in today's Russia.

President Vladimir Putin has said the culprits must not be allowed to escape punishment, although he has been criticized for playing down Politkovskaya's significance.

Investigators particularly want to find a former police major and a former police lieutenant colonel who are already wanted in connection with crimes in Chechnya, the paper said.

They had failed to find the former officers during their visit and instead had to question relatives and acquaintances of the men as well as relatives of another policeman named by Politkovskaya and currently serving an 11-year prison sentence, the paper said. *AFP*



DEMONSTRATORS hold photographs of slain investigative journalist Anna Politkovskaya in front of the Sibelius hall in Lahti, Finland during a summit of EU leaders.

Global AXA Group ranked among the world's best

Global AXA Group joined the ranks of the world's influential corporations as it ranked 15th in Fortune Global 500's survey of "The World's Largest Corporations" for 2005. The insurance company was also recognized as the second-largest in the Insurance: Life, Health (Stock) category, as well as second among France's largest corporations.

The Global AXA Group's dedication to financial protection and wealth management also led it to its current fifth-place ranking in Fortune Magazine's "The World's Most Admired Companies" in the Insurance: Life, Health sector.

In the Philippines, the Global AXA Group partnered with another business giant, the Metrobank Group, to form AXA. The AXA Group is comprised of 51.5 million policy holders worldwide and has 72 billion Euros in consolidated revenues and 1,064 billion Euros in assets. The Metrobank Group, on the other hand, has 630 affiliates and branches worldwide, and PhP583 billion in consolidated resources and PhP49 billion in capital funds.

AXA is the fourth largest life insurance company in the Philippines in terms of gross premiums. The group offers a wide range of services and products to meet the increasing needs of its clientele. Its commitment to secure the future of its customers and stakeholders is apparent in AXA's generosity in sharing its financial expertise, exceptional operating performance, and continuous human resource development.

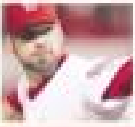
Family receives P1-M death benefit from AXA

AXA vice president George C. Mira handed the P1-M death benefit cheque to Allan Alquiros and his children. Allan's wife Cecilia died of breast cancer in August this year, and the P1-M cheque benefit is from her AXA group insurance policy.

Alquiros' wife, Cecilia, was an employee of Pag-ibig Fund. Through the Home Development Mutual Fund-Employee Provident Fund (HDMF-EPF), AXA is able to grant beneficiaries of Pag-ibig employees as much as P1M in death benefits through its group life insurance program, which took effect in June 2006.



(left to right) [illegible]



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4 GMs banner inter-province chess today

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3 RP boxers enter Tammer Cup semis



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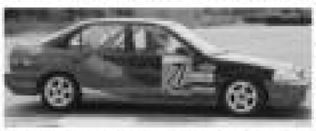
By Marc Anthony Reyes



Asean Seniors golf up Nov. 6

Ukrainian GM stops Gomez

Osmeña-Cebu cagers face Jewelers



Guidicelli marks return with big victory

SPORTS



Carpenter hammers Tigers

Cardinals take 2-1 World Series lead via 5-0 rout

ST. LOUIS—CHRIS CARpenter was well on his way to a World Series win when, all of sudden, people swarmed the mound to examine his hand.

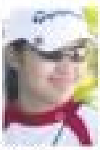
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Poveda hosts fundraising golf



European drivers join final four AF3 rounds



BUSINESS

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Manufacturing output down 7% in August



MARC Soong (left), executive director of Jaguar Cars Inc., and his father, company president Wellington Soong, pose beside the new Jaguar XK sports car after its unveiling at the Jaguar Showroom in Makati City. The British-made, all-aluminum body comes in Coupe and Convertible. The car sells for P8.5 million.

Traders blame smuggling for continued decline

By Michelle V. Remo

PRODUCTION OF THE COUNTRY'S MANUFACturing sector shrank 7 percent in August from a year ago, the eighth straight month of year-on-year declines.

The drop in August, however, was slower than the the 13.5-percent decline in the volume of production index recorded in July. The biggest year-on-year drop was posted in April at 12.8 percent.

The Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI) had said that the declining volume of production by the country's manufacturers could be blamed partly on the perennial problem of smuggling, which had eaten a huge share of the domestic market.

Documents from the National Statistics Office showed that the drop in the overall production index was contributed by the following subsectors in the manufacturing industry: non-electrical machinery (-48), leather and leather products (-45.2), electrical machinery (-38.5 percent), textiles (-26.7), footwear and wearing apparel (-25), glass and glass products (-21.6), petroleum products (-17.9), cement (-16), nonmetallic mineral products (-15.2), transport equipment (-13.6), paper and paper products (-7.5), wood and wood products (-6.1), and rubber products (-3.8).

MANUFACTURING B2

Easing of IPR law to lower medicine prices

By Daxim L. Lucas

SPECIAL REPORT

FOREIGN PHARMACEUTICAL FIRMS can argue that medicines in the Philippines are not the most expensive in the world, but there is no arguing that they are not cheap either.

This is especially true when local drug prices are compared with those in India and Pakistan, two countries which have loosened intellectual property rights along the radical lines proposed by Sen. Manuel A. Roxas II.

According to Philippine International Trading Corp. (PITC), prices of pharmaceutical products sold locally are so high that an average of four out of five Filipinos ... sometimes die—with ... access to medicine.

"Six years ago, the World Health Organization said that less than 20 percent [of Filipinos] had access to medicines," PITC chair and president Roberto Pagdanganan said in an interview. "That number has now fallen further."

At present, PITC's main activity is to scour the globe for branded medicines that are cheaper than those sold locally, import them in bulk, and sell them at prices lower than those offered by foreign pharmaceutical firms.

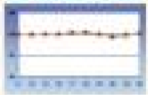
Often, PITC offers medicines manufactured by the same pharmaceutical firms, but at significantly lower prices—a practice that the foreign manufacturers oppose.

"Why will these very same companies sell the same medicines in India or Pakistan for so much less, while pricing them so high here?" Pagdanganan said. "This is not right."

Indeed, a survey of prices conducted by PITC from its foreign contacts revealed that Norvasc, a prescription drug for hypertension, costs the equivalent of only P9 in India, but is sold at P44.75 lo-

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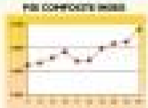


PESO-DOLLAR RATE

GOLD: $583.50-584.00

STOCK MARKET

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



Stocks still surging on upbeat economic outlook

SHARES ROSE TO FRESH HIGHEST LEVEL in nine years yesterday amid upbeat sentiment toward the country's economic and fiscal outlook.

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Heist makes waste

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Conrado R. Banal III

ICT industry sees 10% growth in '06

By Rita T. Ochavillo

Stocks still ...

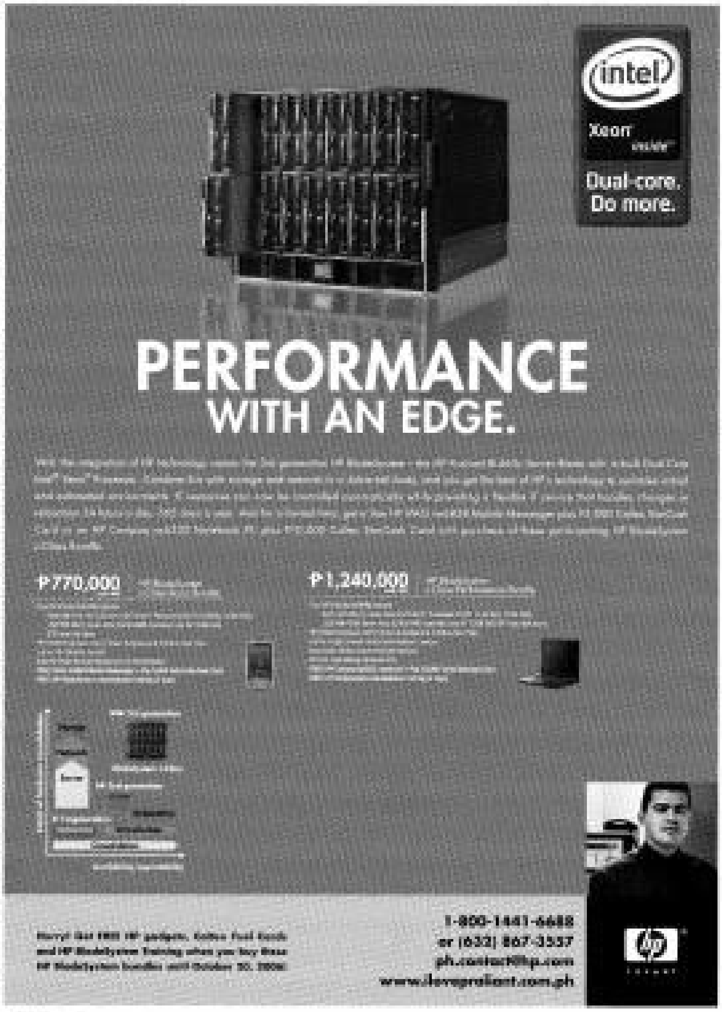
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Funds get 5% of coal firm

Stricter criteria set for power projects seeking tax breaks

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Hotel operators in expansion mode





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'Blood and gore' menu for Halloween

Text by [illegible]
Photos by [illegible]

BLEEDING HEART CAKE, BAT sandwich, deviled potato, boiled tongue, spider pizza, blood sausage. Bring on the pumpkins and let out the bats as Hotel Philippine Plaza celebrates a "Spooktacular Halloween Holiday" brunch on Oct. 29 at the seven cooking theaters of the Spiral (tel. 5515555 local 1580).

Complete with a Coffin Station and enchanting potions from the Witches' Brew, the brunch fare is designed to give the young thrilling Halloween experiences, such as the Haunted Walk, Pumpkin Parade, Scary Storytelling and Halloween Mask-Making. They can even learn the secrets of carving out a most horrific jack-o'-lantern.

Guests who check in with their children Oct. 27-29 get two free tickets per room for kids or teens. At the special Halloween brunch on Oct. 29 at the Spiral, kids will also get free [illegible]. Children 6 and below get to eat for free.

Gory spread

Executive chef Luke Dale-Roberts said the Spiral would feature a buffet spread of pumpkin and "gorlsome" to go with the Halloween theme.

The pumpkin festival has delectable Chilled Pumpkin, Lemongrass and Crab Soup with sour cream, Roasted Pumpkin with Honey Walnut and Smoked Duck Salad, Pumpkin and Smoked Pancetta Risotto with Mascarpone and Seared Scallops, Pumpkin Tempura, Parma ham, poached egg and rocket; Pumpkin, Basil and Feta Cheese Tortes; Open Lasagna of Pumpkin and Bruschetta.

It took several pumpkin cooking sessions and a full stretch of the imagination, admitted Dale-Roberts, before the menu was narrowed down.

"It's not easy to come up with original Halloween stuff. Cooking pumpkin isn't so inspiring," he said.

The "gory" brunch at the Coffin Station includes the Bat Sandwich made of [illegible], prosciutto and chopped cheese; Boiled Tongue, Blood Sausage, Jelly Ghost Salad made of baby octopus; Eyeball and Beetroot Salad; Deviled Potato Salad; Cow Leg [illegible]; Black Mud Paella, Spider Pizza.

Just how does one make "gorlsome" appetizing?

BLOOD/[illegible]


GHOST Cheesecake

A fun brunch awaits guests at the Spiral of Philippine Plaza as chefs serve Spiral Eyeballs in Jelly and Black Mud Paella

The Mexican returns —and is here to stay



Although Taco Bell will customize menu items, these won't be localized





Tasty snacks



Value meals



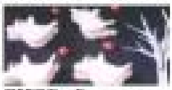
Dining out

Treats for costumed tykes



Halloween kiddie recipes

Spooky Ghost Bites



Oh My Ghouly Joes!

'Blood and gore' menu





Inventions









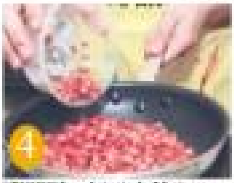
PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Brush potatoes with melted butter.



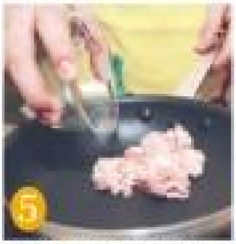
WRAP in aluminum foil.



BAKE for 1 hour. Set aside.



MEANWHILE, pan-fry hotdog for 2-3 minutes. Chop and set aside. Heat Chili Con in a pan or microwave until warm. Set aside.



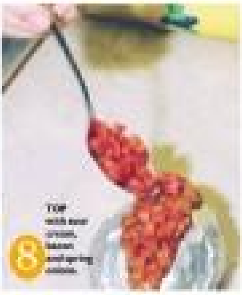
PAN-FRY bacon until crisp and golden. Drain in paper towels.



MAKE a slit on the baked potato.



THEN press foil toward the sides to release the potato from its wrappers, almost as if you're squeezing its innards out.



TOP with sour cream, bacon and spring onions.

Triple baked potato treats

Text by Margie Baga-Reyes
Photos by Ryan Lim



TOP with Chili Con and chopped hotdog. Drizzle with Magnolia Cheezee Spread and sprinkle with onions.

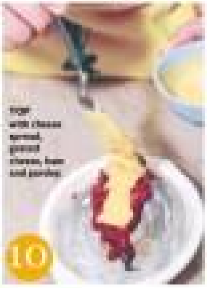
Ingredients

Double Cheese and Ham Baked Potato

Baked Potato with Bacon and Sour Cream

Cheezee Chili Dog Baked Potato

STEP BY STEP



TOP with cheese spread, grated cheese, ham and parsley.



DOUBLE Cheese and Ham Baked Potato, Baked Potato with Bacon and Sour Cream, and Cheezee Chili Dog Baked Potato

Culinary competitions have gone provincial

COUNTRY COOKING
Micky Fenix

THE GOOD NEWS IS, provincial culinary competitions are on the rise.





A COLD appetizer array

Just when provinces gear up to compete in Manila, the Chefs on Parade 'dies'

Discovery

Kilometric 'longganisa'

LIFESTYLE



AMUSE BOUCHE: Scrambled Eggs with Caviar, Chilled Crab and Cucumber Soup, Salmon Parfait

Her mother's Sunshine

KITCHEN RESCUE
Reggie Aspiras

THE ART OF COOKING, THEY say, is passed on from generation to generation. Many excellent cooks and chefs have, somewhere along their genetic tree, a kitchen whiz whose love for good food must have found its way to their DNA, which they had unknowingly passed on to their next of kin. Such is the case of Bella Nakpangco and Sunshine Puey.

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Our menu

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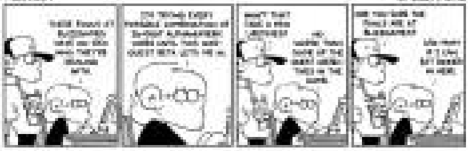
Food for thought

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SUNSHINE PUEY and mom Bella Nakpangco: "The romance with food continues through generations."

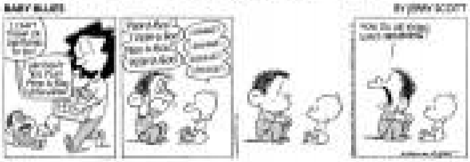
FOXTROT — BY BILL AMEND



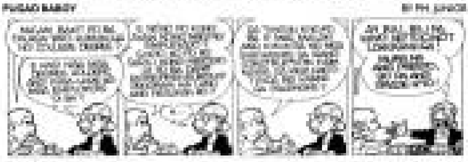
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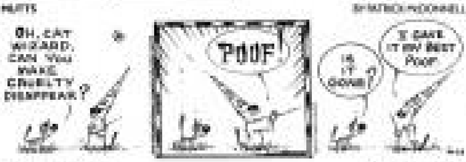
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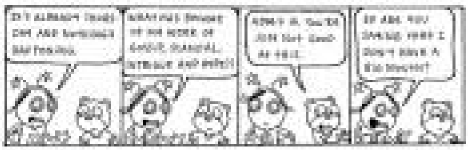
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LOVEKNOTS — BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO



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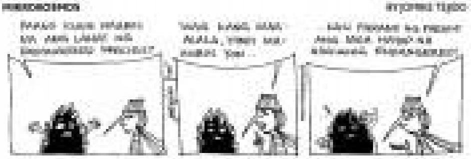


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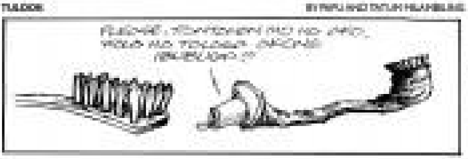


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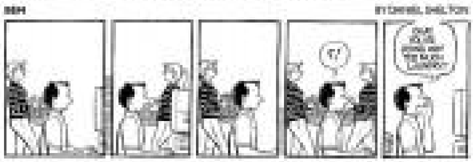




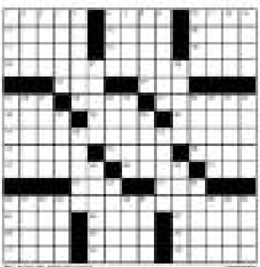
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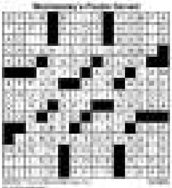


REM — BY DANIEL SHELTON



DAILY CROSSWORD





HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

Answer to previous puzzle

9	6	8	4	1	2	7	5	3
5	3	4	6	7	9	2	1	8
7	2	1	3	8	5	9	4	6
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Her mother's Sunshine





Great rush-hour shopping



Philfoodex marks 20th year with 6th Phil Food Expo

Cemeteries are not garbage dumps

THE CONSUMER



Bacon isn't just for breakfast

Back to Manila for 'kitchen' tour

Chain offers Xmas packages



WILCON DEPOT SUPPLEMENT

Hardware superstore opens 6th depot in Alabang



Wilcon Builder's Depot is truly a one-stop shop for all your building needs. Everything you need--from tiles to bathrooms, wood doors, shingle, aluminum windows, paints, etc.--all under one roof

Wilcon has been in the business of making our homes beautiful and functional for 29 years. Established in 1977 in Quezon City as a small hardware store for building and finishing materials, the company grew and expanded to several retail outlets and store depots.







FOR ALL YOUR BUILDING AND renovating needs, even furnishing needs, a Wilcon Builders' Depot, the country's pioneer in homebuilding depots, need not be far behind.

Wilcon Builders' Depot opened its latest branch in Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang to cater to the building needs of Alabang homeowners, Filinvest residents, and nearby Muntinlupa and Parañaque, Taguig, Laguna and Cavite homeowners.

The outlet, which sits on a 1.5 hectare lot, is a huge structure that offers a 12,000 square meter store space and a 6,000 square meter parking lot that can easily accommodate 202 vehicles.

The store has four major divisions. The tile gallery is an expansive space where tiles from different countries and a thousand [illegible] are presented in modules of sample floor layouts. Take your pick from the most affordable tiles to the high-end brands from Italy and Spain.

The DIY (Do-It-Yourself) section offers the most complete selection of hardware and homebuilding tools. Here, you can choose from any need at home from the wide selection of wood products, hardware, kitchen and bathroom organizers, electrical and plumbing tools and gadgets, and aluminum, steel, plastic and glass products for doors, windows, and cabinets.

Shopping is comfortable among the air-conditioned, spacious and bright hallways of the store. Looking for the things you need is easy as the presentation of products is very organized.

The second floor of the store is a definitive showroom of the latest and trendiest bathrooms. And the bathroom layouts are operational, meaning--a customer can try the fixtures to make him experience the setting. This floor also houses an eye-catching furniture and fixture section, where a customer can already envision the type of furnishings he needs for his home.

To make a customer's visit at Wilcon Builders' Depot a convenient and memorable one, the Alabang outlet features a casual dining restaurant. Shoppers and their families can unwind here. And there's also a kiddie area where shoppers can drop off their kids while they enjoy shopping and appreciating the beautiful floor and showroom layout.

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Wilcon pioneered convenient shopping for hardware and building products through its introduction of air-conditioned shops, more products from abroad, reliable delivery service, expert salespeople and big one-stop shops.

Wilcon's commitment to excellent service has propelled it to become the leader in supplying finishing materials for the country's building industry.



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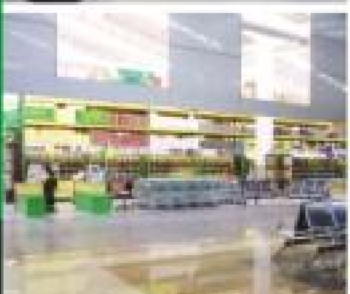
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Homeowner's Alab

Wilcon Filinvest Alabang is the biggest home center, truly a one-stop-sh living room, dining area, kitchen, bathroom, the garden, including DIY (do

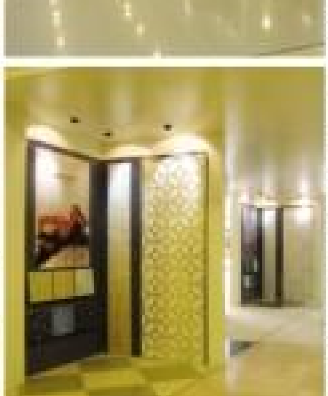












By Raquel P Gomez

Paradise in

ang

op offering a complete line of tiles, furniture and accessories for one's

-it-yourself) hardware section







At Wilcon, building, designing or upgrading your homes is made easy with presentations of actual sample layouts of bathrooms, living rooms, and kitchens in the showroom area



WILCON DEPOT SUPPLEMENT

Home of the **best building and finishing brands**

Wilcon takes pride in bringing to the country the best names and brands in building and finishing, from different countries to make our living spaces beautiful and functional

Watch out for upcoming Wilcon Builders' Depot outlets soon!

WILCON DEPOT WILCON SUPPLY

ENTERTAINMENT

Cherry Pie is free and independent

Newly single actress plays a different kind of mom in a new digital movie from Seiko



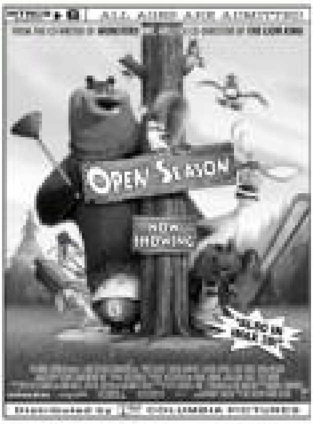
A peek into the alternate universe of animals

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

Cartoon features need not be shallow and slap-happy





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1 THE DEPARTED - THX
2 OPEN SEASON
3 THE PRESTIGE
4 FEAST
5 THE GRUDGE 2
6 WORLD TRADE CENTER
7 THE BANQUET
8 TXT
9 THE GUARDIAN
10 TILL I MET YOU

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1 GHOST INSIDE
2 TILL I MET YOU
3 RESERVE
4 RESERVE

PIONEER

1 OPEN SEASON
2 THE GRUDGE 2
3 WORLD TRADE CENTER
4 THE PRESTIGE

STA. ROSA

1 TILL I MET YOU
2 THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE
3 OPEN SEASON
4 THE BREED

LIPA

1 OPEN SEASON
2 THE BREED
3 THE DEPARTED
4 TILL I MET YOU

DASMARIÑAS

1 THE BREED
2 OPEN SEASON
3 WORLD TRADE CENTER
4 TILL I MET YOU

ANGELES

1 THE PRESTIGE
2 THE GRUDGE 2
3 OPEN SEASON
4 TILL I MET YOU

IMUS

1 WORLD TRADE CENTER
2 TILL I MET YOU
3 THE GRUDGE 2
4 THE PRESTIGE

STARMILLS

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3 OPEN SEASON
4 TILL I MET YOU
5 TXT
6 MY FIRST WEDDING

BACOLOD

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2 OPEN SEASON
3 TILL I MET YOU
4 STEP UP
5 THE BREED
6 THE DEPARTED

ILOILO

1 THE GUARDIAN
2 OPEN SEASON
3 PULSE
4 DEAD OR ALIVE

A peek into . . .

From page F1

Fans duo

On Star World

World Bazaar Festival

Cartoon hero search

Roundup

Musical extravaganza

CHANNEL [V] PRESENTS "CD-ISA," a weekly music chart show that features the star power of a once-a-year awards show.

Each episode shows top-selling artists from every genre back-to-back with the newest chart toppers.

The show is also highlighted by music news, contests, interviews and videos.

The musical shindig, hosted by [illegible], airs every Saturday, 11 p.m.

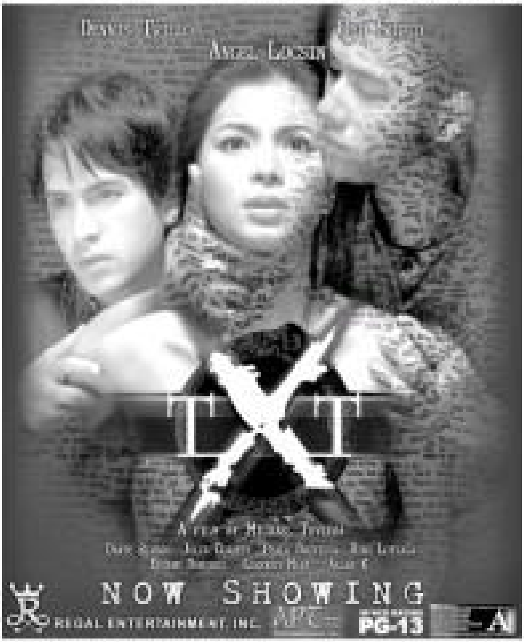
Britain's top hits

LONDON—UK rockers My Chemical Romance topped the British singles chart on Sunday, clocking up a second straight week at the top with their anthem "Welcome to the Black Parade."

British rock band Razorlight were in second place with their hit "America" while Bob Sinclar/[illegible] rose one place to No. 3 with "Rock This Party (Everybody Dance Now)."

Meatloaf is rolled back into the charts at No. 4 with the new single from "Bat Out of Hell." AFP





AT THE CINEMAS

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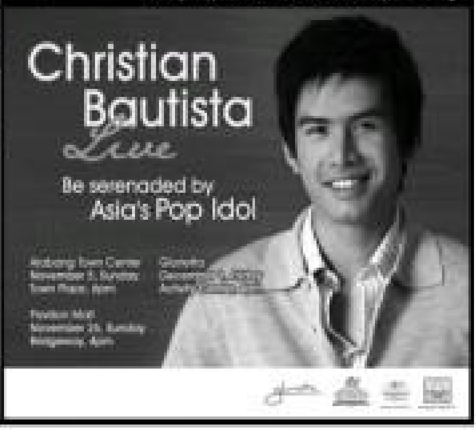
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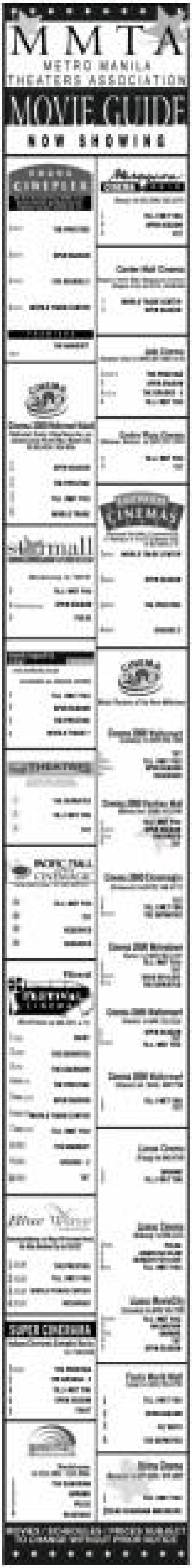
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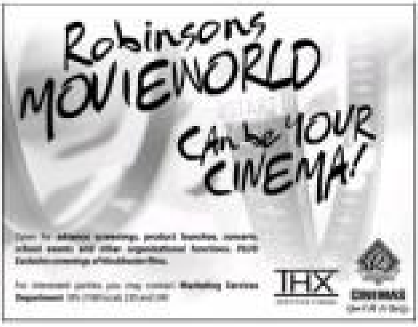
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Ayala Museum — 19th - 20th Century Philippine Art from Ayala Museum Collection [illegible]

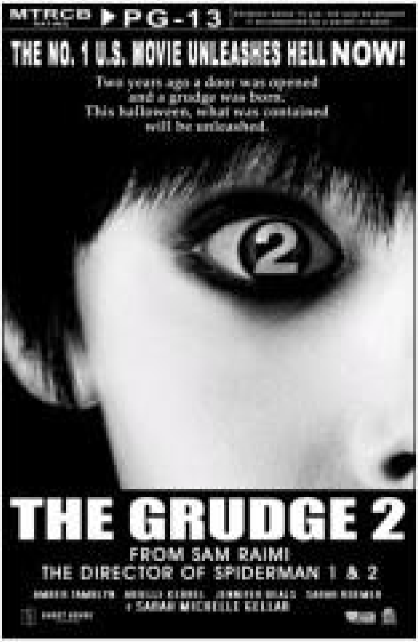




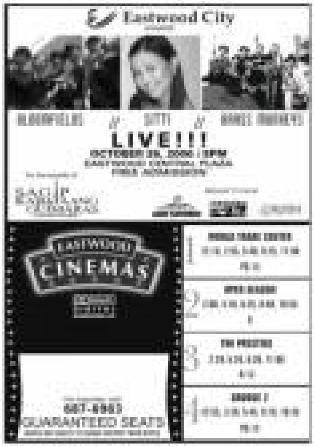

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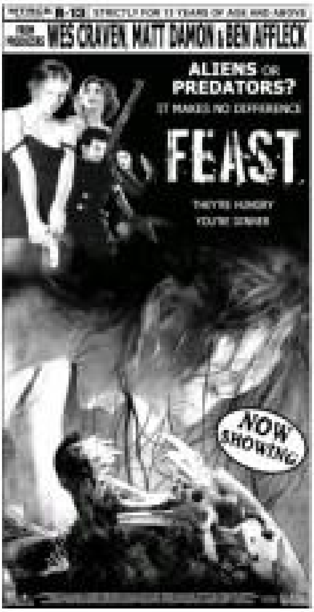

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